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SUBJ: SMITHSONIAN INVITATION TO BHUTAN MUSEUM CURATOR

PLEASE PASS WAYNE MILLS

1. IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION OF BHUTANESE MATERIAL COMMEMORATING CORONATION OF KING, SECRETARY RIPLEY HAS INVITED CURATOR OF PARO MUSEUM TO SPEND FOUR TO SIX WEEKS AT SMITHSONIAN. VISIT WILL ALSO FURNISH OPPORTUNITY FOR CURATOR TO OBSERVE AMERICAN MUSEUM METHODS ADAPTABLE TO PARO MUSEUM. AT LATER DATE SMITHSONIAN PLANNING SEND STAFF MEMBER TO ASSIST IN MODERNIZING BHUTAN MUSEUM. CURATOR SPEAKS ENGLISH AND HAS MET DR. KNEZ OF SMITHSONIAN STAFF.

2. PRINCE NAMGYAL WANGCHUK HAS JUST INFORMED RIPLEY HE READY TO SEND CURATOR AT ANY TIME.

3. FOR MILLS, OR SCIENCE ATTACHE IF MILLS ABSENT:

A) SMITHSONIAN BELIEVES UP TO ONE WEEK GENERAL LOW KEYED CONSULTATION WITH YOU IN NEW DELHI, INCLUDING VISITS TO APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO CURATOR AND SERVE REQUIREMENTS OF PL-480 USE FOR AIR TICKET. SINCE ROYAL FAMILY TAKES PERSONAL INTEREST IN PARO MUSEUM, YOU SHOULD

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KEEP CLOSE TOUCH WITH CURATOR'S TRAVEL PLANS. PRESUMABLY

THIS IS CURATOR'S FIRST TRIP ABROAD.

B) INFORM PRINCE NAMGYAL WANGCHUK THROUGH BHUTANESE MISSION NEW DELHI THAT RIPLEY DELIGHTED CURATOR ABLE TO VISIT WASHINGTON. SMITHSONIAN PREFERS CURATOR ARRIVE BETWEEN SEPT. 15 AND OCT. 1, BUT LATER DATE ALSO ACCEPTABLE. CURATOR SHOULD PLAN REMAIN HERE FOUR TO SIX WEEKS. ROUND TRIP AIR TICKET AND ORDINARY LIVING EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED BY SMITHSONIAN. CURATOR SHOULD APPLY FOR US VISA AT EMBASSY OR CONGEN CALCUTTA (DEPENDING ON EMBASSY'S WISH). CURATOR SHOULD PLAN STOP OVER BRIEFLY IN NEW DELHI FOR CONSULTATION WITH SMITHSONIAN REPRESENTATIVE MILLS AND SCIENCE ATTACHE.

C) MILLS SHOULD IGNORE PAR ARE MUSEUM IN RIPLEY AUG 3 LETTER WHICH OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS.

D) SMITHSONIAN WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING DATE WHEN MILLS PLANNING VISIT BHUTAN.

4. SMITHSONIAN AUTHORIZES EMBASSY DISBURSE PER DIEM TO CURATOR FOR SEVEN DAYS AT MAXIMUM RATE ALLOWABLE FOR TOTAL OF 182 US DOLS EQUIVALENT. CHARGE APPROPRIATION 33X0102. ROGERS

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